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A JOINT MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT TO STUDY AND
SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RECOGNIZING HISTORIC TRAILS,
CORRIDORS, TRAIN ROUTES, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS.

WHEREAS, historic trails, corridors, train routes, roads
and highways such as El Camino Real de tierra adentro, the
old Spanish trail, the Santa Fe trail, the Belen cutoff of
the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway and United States
route 66 passed through New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these routes and corridors played an important
role in New Mexico's history by bringing people and commerce
to the region; and

WHEREAS, these historic routes and corridors represent
some of the longest-used and most famous routes in the
American southwest; and

WHEREAS, these routes and corridors continue to have an
important impact on economic development, cultural tourism
and heritage preservation in New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, these routes and corridors have been recognized
by a wide variety of community, state and federal agencies
and groups, but recognition has occurred on a irregular and
inconsistent basis; and

WHEREAS, no uniform method exists for recognizing,
commemorating, preserving, marking or interpreting these

1 historic trails, corridors, routes, roads and highways;

2 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the cultural affairs department, in
4 conjunction with appropriate state agencies and groups, be
5 requested to study and recommend appropriate methods for
6 recognizing, commemorating, preserving, marking or
7 interpreting historic trails, corridors, train routes, roads
8 and highways; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cultural affairs
10 department be requested to report its findings and
11 recommendations to the appropriate interim legislative
12 committee by October 31, 2005; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
14 transmitted to the cultural affairs department. _____

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